

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The matter has not been settled *finally*. The G. O. will be issued soon.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): In regard to part (b), may I know why a separate account has not been kept?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because, it is not possible. It forms part of the duty of the Legislative Council.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know whether the Travancore Government have an Account Officer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes; there is an Account Officer.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why a separate account has not been kept in regard to this matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it necessary to keep separate accounts.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): I could not hear the member.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it necessary to keep separate accounts.

Panachamood-Kochikkal and Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar roads.

158. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the question of the construction of the Panachamood-Kochikkal and Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar roads was referred to the Chief Engineer as promised by the Dewan at the 27th session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly (*vide* page 208 of the Assembly Proceedings); and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether any report has been received, and, if so, the recommendations contained therein?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Chief Engineer has reported that, of the portion of the Panachamood-Kochikkal road which lies within the municipal limits of Mavelikara, about 41 chains alone require improvements and that the Municipality should undertake to contribute a moiety of its cost in case it is taken up. Accordingly, the matter was referred to the President, Municipal Council, Mavelikara, and he has replied that his Council has come to the conclusion that funds at present available do not permit the Municipality to meet the expenditure.

As regards the Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar road, the question of its construction has been abandoned on account of its heavy cost and in view of its close proximity to the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road running parallel to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (b), may I know whether it is a general rule that,

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when a road is constructed within the limits of a Municipality, the Municipality should contribute a moiety of the expenditure?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because the road runs through the Municipality, Government have asked the Municipality to contribute a moiety of the expenditure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether it is a general rule that when roads are to be opened within the municipal limits, the Municipality should contribute?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no general rule like that now in force.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know the particular reason why the Mavelikara Municipality was asked to contribute a moiety?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The general principle is that the Municipalities should contribute a portion of the expenditure incurred.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether that is the rule?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is the general principle.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the Municipality recommended that, since they are unable to supply funds and since this is an important road, the Government should meet the whole expenditure to open the road?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not think they have made any such recommendation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): It is stated in the answer—

"As regards the Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar road, the question of its construction has been abandoned on account of its heavy cost and in view of its close proximity to the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road running parallel to it".

May I know whether Government will be pleased to give an estimate of the cost of the road?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs. 56,000. There is a bridge also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): If it is the heavy cost that stands in the way of the construction, may I know.....

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is no urgent necessity for that road, because there is another road parallel to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Two reasons have been given in the answer. With regard to the first reason I am asking whether, if the road is found to be not very costly, the Government would consider the question of opening it?

PRESIDENT: That is not your interpellation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): The answer says that one reason for abandoning the road is that it entails heavy cost.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It costs Rs. 56,000.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know the distance of the Tiruvalla-Mavelikara road from the Valiaperumpuzha-Mannar road?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is about three miles, I think.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Do the Government consider that a road three miles away is in close proximity?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not sure whether it is exactly three miles. Accurate information in regard to the actual distance is not now before me. All that I can say is that it is in close proximity.

Coercive steps for realisation of land tax in Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks.

159. **MR. K. P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (1) Are the Government aware of any coercive steps taken in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks for the realisation of land revenue subsequent to their order R. O. C. No. 2764/31/Revenue, dated the 14th July 1931?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(a) the least amount of arrears of land tax for which coercive steps were taken in 1106 against a tax-payer —

(i) in the Muvattupuzha taluk; and

(ii) in the Todupuzha taluk; and

(b) the total annual tax payable by the said tax-payer of (i) Muvattupuzha, and (ii) Todupuzha?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) (a) (i) 3 cash.

(ii) 8 chs. 12 cash.

(b) 3 cash in the Muvattupuzha taluk and 8 chs. 12 cash in the Todupuzha taluk.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Thodupuzha*): With regard to part (2) (a) (i) may I know the nature of the steps taken?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): May I know whether the Government had to incur any expenditure on that account?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That too I am not in a position to state now.

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